



## Georgia Housing Needs Assessment Questions and Answers

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All links and resources referenced below are posted to the Statewide Housing Needs Assessment page of the DCA website, including the Needs Assessment Q&A survey for submitting additional questions ([click here](#)). DCA will update this document with additional Q&As as new questions are received.

### Q&A Posted on April 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **Has the deadline passed to complete the PHA survey?**

- No; the PHA survey will remain available for completion through May 6, 2022. We welcome all submissions and further PHA participation. Please find the survey, with preliminary instructions and a tutorial, here:

[Public Housing Authority Survey | Georgia Department of Community Affairs](#)

To complete the survey, you must download the survey and enable the content. On the site and on the survey itself is additional information, including contact information should you need assistance, and how to submit your completed survey.

#### **I was not able to attend the session on homelessness. Will a recording of it be shared?**

- Unfortunately, recordings of the public listening sessions will not be publicly available. Session recordings are intended to be reviewed only by the Consultant conducting the Housing Needs Assessment. That process was designed to encourage the most candid public participation.
- However, the listening sessions remain just one way for anyone to participate and inform the Housing Needs Assessment. If you would like to further inform the Housing Needs Assessment with information regarding particular housing needs or barriers, we will continue to accept public input through May 6, 2022. Please submit that information here:

[https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public\\_input\\_for\\_housing\\_needs\\_assessment](https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public_input_for_housing_needs_assessment)

That survey and other opportunities will continue to be posted on the Housing Needs Assessment website here:

[Statewide Housing Needs Assessment | Georgia Department of Community Affairs \(ga.gov\)](#)

- You may also sign up to receive Housing Needs Assessment notifications, including any potential notice of other opportunities to participate, by signing up for notifications here:

[https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/housing\\_needs\\_assessment\\_email\\_notification\\_sign\\_up](https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/housing_needs_assessment_email_notification_sign_up)

**Will you be accepting letters from stakeholder groups as a part of the Needs Assessment? And, if so, how should one go about submitting a letter?**

- Yes, we welcome all input from all stakeholders, and through May 6, 2022, you may upload letters, or otherwise enter any information on housing needs and barriers in Georgia here:

[https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public\\_input\\_for\\_housing\\_needs\\_assessment](https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public_input_for_housing_needs_assessment)

**Will the end product provide current housing needs by county?**

- The final Housing Needs Assessment report and recommendations will include analysis at various geographic levels, utilizing the best available data for any given analysis. For instance, if there is available applicable data, analysis will be conducted at census-tract level, county level, and statewide level.

**Will special targets for homelessness be included in QAP?**

- Prior to reviewing the Housing Needs Assessment findings, DCA is not able to speak to what changes the QAP may implement in response to the report.
- The Housing Needs Assessment analysis regarding homelessness seeks to assess the characteristics, housing needs, and barriers to housing regarding individuals experiencing, or at risk, of homelessness. The HNA will inform future policies, including but not limited to the QAP.
- Questions regarding the QAP and the Housing Tax Credit program can be submitted here:

[https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/yearround\\_qap\\_survey](https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/yearround_qap_survey)

**How will you address the lack of supportive housing needed for unfunded people with cognitive or physical impairments?**

- Prior to reviewing the Housing Needs Assessment findings, DCA is not able to speak to what specific policy changes DCA may implement in response to the report.
- The Housing Needs Assessment intends to assess a comprehensive range of needs and barriers regarding supportive housing, including an assessment of relevant population and subpopulation characteristics and needs. The Housing Needs Assessment also intends to assess and estimate the current inventory and future needs regarding supportive housing units. The Assessment will provide a report with recommendations that will be used to inform relevant programs and policies.
- If you would like to further inform the Housing Needs Assessment with information regarding particular needs or barriers, please submit that information by May 6, 2022, here:

[https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public\\_input\\_for\\_housing\\_needs\\_assessment](https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public_input_for_housing_needs_assessment)

**What tangible, sustainable efforts and policies currently exist to address the lack of quality, affordable (income-based) housing?**

- Please see a range of DCA Safe and Affordable Housing programs here:

[Safe & Affordable Housing | Georgia Department of Community Affairs \(ga.gov\)](#)

DCA is aware that there are unmet affordable housing needs in Georgia, and the Housing Needs Assessment was commissioned to better understand those needs and inform program priorities. If you would like to further help us understand particular housing needs or barriers, please submit any information here:

[https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public\\_input\\_for\\_housing\\_needs\\_assessment](https://dcaqap.formstack.com/forms/public_input_for_housing_needs_assessment)

**Where can I learn more about rural housing needs and preservation?**

- One current opportunity is the Southeast Rural Preservation Academy being conducted by Enterprise Community Partners, which is a technical assistance program involving a series of no-cost training and peer learning sessions designed to help rural housing providers and nonprofits acquire and preserve affordable housing in rural communities. If you or an organization you know of would benefit from this opportunity, visit the below link to register for a session. All sessions are open to the public. [Southeast Rural Preservation Academy: April - October 2022 | Enterprise Community Partners](#)

**Will the data collected be shared?**

- We do anticipate being able to share the data that we can with local governments or authorities for their use, following the completion of the final report from the consultants. For certain data sources, sharing will not be possible due to restrictions from the data providers.

**When will the Assessment be completed?**

- It is currently estimated that the final report will be available this Fall.

**Will the data be updated so that the tool can be used in future years?**

- DCA intends to update the Housing Needs Assessment in future years, though the specifics of updates have not yet been determined.

**How can I learn more about housing programs available to my community?**

- There are a wide range of programs available. One beginning resource may be DCA's Guide to Services, available here:

[2022 Guide to Services | Georgia Department of Community Affairs \(ga.gov\)](#).

More details on a range of DCA Safe and Affordable Housing programs are also available here:

[Safe & Affordable Housing | Georgia Department of Community Affairs \(ga.gov\)](#)

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**Are the public forums under the Needs Assessment process part of the same set of public sessions held by DCA recently for federal funding under the HOME-ARP program?**

- No. The Needs Assessment Public Forums are broader in scope and distinct from the HOME-ARP sessions, though DCA expects that many of the same partners will participate in both. [Click here](#) for more information on the HOME-ARP Program.

**Will DCA staff facilitate the public forums?**

- No. To promote candid discussion, especially as it pertains to DCA policies and programs, DCA staff have been advised to not attend the forums. The Needs Assessment consultant will facilitate discussion.

**How long are the public forums?**

- Each session is expected to be 90 minutes.

**Are the Public Forums the only way for members of the public to provide input for the Needs Assessment?**

- No. DCA will publish a survey for members of the public to provide written input to consider for Needs Assessment analysis. This survey will allow the public to provide input in greater detail than was discussed in a particular forum or to provide information if they were unable to attend a forum.

DCA will publicize this public input survey at a later date. To receive public notices related to the Needs Assessment, including but not limited to DCA's release of the public input survey, visit the Needs Assessment page of the DCA website and select "Click here to receive email notifications..." ([click here](#)).

**Are there any limitations on how many public forums an individual can attend?**

- No. Any member of the public can attend as many of the sessions as they are able to attend. Given the overlap between certain session topics, we expect many participants to attend multiple sessions.